

JOHN T. SMITH.

MAY 18, 1860.—Ordered to be printed.

Mr. POTTLE, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, made the following

REPORT.

The Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom was referred the petition of John T. Smith, submitted the following report:

The petitioner represents himself as the proprietor of a magnetic telegraph, which has a direct communication with all points of the coast, and asks leave to establish a station at the Charlestown, Massachusetts, navy yard, "for the purpose of putting the Navy Department in prompt communication with all vessels which may arrive upon the seaboard," and that "for the service which such station may render to the government he may be awarded such compensation as is just and reasonable." It does not appear to your committee that the establishment in question would be of any material service to the government in a time of peace, and should an emergency arise to make it desirable, it is of such a character that it can be readily adopted. They therefore report adversely to the petitioner.

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May 15, 1914

Mr. Forster, New York City

REPORT

The Commission on the subject of the proposed
amendment to the Constitution of the United States
has the honor to report to you the results of its
work. The Commission was organized on January 1, 1913,
and has since that time been engaged in a study of
the subject. It has held numerous public hearings,
and has received many suggestions from the public.
It has also conducted extensive research into the
history and present status of the proposed
amendment. The results of its work are set forth
in the accompanying report. The Commission believes
that the proposed amendment is a desirable one,
and that it should be adopted. It believes that
the amendment will result in a more efficient
and economical government, and that it will
strengthen the national government. It believes
that the amendment is in the best interests of
the country, and that it should be adopted.